

## Church News.

### INDIANA MINISTERIAL MEETING.

*Minutes of 9th session of Ministerial Association of Indiana, held at Flora, Ind., June 30, and July 1 and 2, 1896.*

Institute opened at 10:15 A. M. with Vice Pres., R. R. Teeter in chair.

Devotions conducted by D. A. Hopkins, reading 1st chap. of Epistle of Peter, and prayer. Welcome Address by B. H. Flora, to which C. F. Yoder responded.

Reading and adoption of minutes of last session. Roll call showing an attendance of eleven members, against nine last year.

J. A. Miller, C. F. Yoder, and W. W. Summers were appointed Com. on committees. W. C. Perry, and W. H. Miller were appointed com. on Queries. Report adopted. Under head of Miscellaneous business, it was ordered that J. A. Miller speak on topic, "The Gift of the Holy Spirit," to have been presented by L. W. Ditch, but who was not able to be present.

Moved by C. F. Yoder, that we arrange to meet one full week, for our next session at the Winono Park, and that we invite the ministers of the general brotherhood to be with us.

Remarks upon the resolution by G. W. Rench, W. W. Summers, C. F. Yoder, and J. A. Miller. Moved and carried that the above resolution be referred to Com. on Location. Carried. Moved by G. W. Rench: Inasmuch as the growing interest of the Brethren Church demands a permanent location for Institutes, Bible schools, Conferences, etc., therefore, be it

*Resolved*, That this Association make an effort to secure a convenient location for such purposes.

Remarks by C. F. Yoder, W. W. Summers and D. A. Hopkins. Motion carried.

Moved that Com. on committees appoint committee to act on above resolution. Carried.

Periods of sessions were arranged as follows: 9—11:30 A. M. and 1:30—4 P. M.

Adjournment.

2ND SESSION, 1:30 P. M..

Devotions D. A. Hopkins.

Readings of Phil. 1. Prayer and song. Paper—"Inspiration of the Bible." W. H. Miller.

Discussion by W. W. Summers.

Bible Study—Israel in Egypt. G. W. Rench, who illustrated the study with map showing course of Israel into, in and out of Egypt.

Spirited discussion followed in which the following points were brought out:

- 1 As to the number of souls who went down in Egypt.
- 2 The number of years in bondage.
- 3 The Hyksos.
- 4 The underlying principle of the historic event.

Pronunciation and Dictionary Work, by W. C. Perry, who, by use of black-board illustrated the different diacritical marks, with the proper sounds which they give to a letter, as used in Dictionary work.

The speaker preferred and used Webster.

At this period the critic made his report, who criticised some words mispronounced during the session.

Paper—Gift of the Holy Spirit. J. A. Miller.

Discussion, W. C. Perry, Rench, etc. Adjournment.

EVENING, 3RD SESSION.

Devotions, C. F. Yoder. I Cor. 13. Sermon, W. C. Perry, text Phil. 3:13 and 14.

WEDNESDAY, 9 A. M. 4TH SESSION.

Devotions, W. H. Miller, using as Scripture lesson, Gal. 1.

Report of committee on committees: Com. on Program, G. W. Rench, C. F. Yoder, W. D. Furry.

Time and location of next meeting, W. C. Perry, R. R. Teeter, C. F. Yoder.

Resolutions, D. A. Hopkins, L. A. Hazlett, W. H. Miller.

Nominations, W. W. Summers, D. A. Hopkins, B. H. Flora.

On establishing an assembly ground for Brethren church, G. W. Rench, J. A. Miller, C. F. Yoder, David Augustine, Thos. Clayton.

J. A. MILLER,  
C. F. YODER,  
W. W. SUMMERS.

Com.

Report adopted.

Bible Study—Moses Leader and Law Giver, D. A. Hopkins.

Discussion, W. H. Miller, Yoder, J. A. Miller and others.

Work of the Evangelist, by C. F. Yoder.

Discussion by G. W. Rench, W. C. Perry, and others.

Setting the Churches in Order, by W. W. Summers, who held that the only way to set in order churches that were out of order, by reason of omission or commission, of things pertaining to general church, was by the means of an evangelist, and when that should fail the church should be given into the hands of the

State Conference, and in case that should fail, it should be referred to National Conference.

Discussion, by J. A. Miller, who spoke at length upon the subject of Church Supervision generally, himself and W. C. Perry being members of the committee appointed by National Conference to formulate some plan of expediency to be recommended to the several congregations for adoption.

Further discussed by W. C. Perry, Rench, Summers, etc.

W. C. Perry was appointed by chair to assist W. H. Miller in preparation of Resolutions.

Adjournment.

5TH SESSION, 1:30 P. M.

Devotions by G. W. Rench.

Moved, That a bill of \$1.60 presented by the secretary for expenses be allowed, and that collection be raised to defray the expense. Carried.

Paper—Profane History as an Aid to the Ministerial Profession. W. D. Furry. Moved that the paper be given to EVANGELIST for publication. Carried.

Bible Study—Joshua and the Conquest, C. F. Yoder.

Illustrated by chart.

Discussion by W. C. Perry, Yoder and others.

Pulpit Manners and Customs, by G. W. Rench.

1 Speaker should use common sense.

2 Should not drink while speaking.

3 Proper care in reading of Scripture lesson; lesson should be read for a purpose.

4 Management of Song service. Song is part of service. Good plan for minister to read the song sometimes.

5 Announcement made so as to give people the idea that they were wanted.

6 Gestures should be natural to man. Discussion.

Adjournment.

EVENING, 6TH SESSION.

Devotions, W. W. Summers.

Sermon by J. A. Miller, text Heb. 2:6.

THURSDAY A. M., 7TH SESSION.

Devotions, J. C. Beal. I John 4.

Report of committees:

1 Com. on Nomination.

Pres. R. R. Teeter,

Vice Pres. W. H. Miller,

Sec. W. D. Furry,

Critic, W. C. Perry,

Treas. D. A. Hopkins.

Report of Com. on Program:

We, your committee, submit the following provisional program:

Sermon or Lecture each evening.